Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date:	Bureau/Station/Facility:	Admin. Invest.?	Hit?
03/30/2021	Central Patrol Division/East Los Angeles Station	☐	☑

Incident Information

URN: 019-09054-0285-013	Date: 06/27/2019	Time: 2258 Hrs

City or Station: East Los Angeles

Location: [redacted]erhart Avenue, East Los Angeles, Ca 90022

Nature of Incident: During a traffic stop. Deputy Saavedra was punched by the armed suspect when he attempted to stop the suspect from fleeing, a DIS occurred.

Location Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Backyard
- ☐ Beach
- ☐ Business
- ☐ Freeway
- ☐ Industrial
- ☐ Park
- ☐ Parking Lot
- ☐ Residence
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ School
- ☑ Street
- Other:

Lighting (*check only one*):
- ☑ Darkness
- ☐ Daylight
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*):
- ☑ Clear
- ☐ Cloudy
- ☐ Fog
- ☐ Rain

Distance: 3-5 feet

Incident Type (*check one or more*):
- ☐ Accidental
- ☑ Armed Person
- ☑ Fleeing Suspect
- ☐ Foot Pursuit
- ☐ Gun Take Away
- ☐ Moving Vehicle
- ☐ Sniper/Ambush
- ☐ Startle
- ☑ Struggle Involved
- ☐ Traffic Stop
- ☐ Unarmed Person
- ☐ Unintentional
- ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
- ☐ Warrant Service
- ☐ Warning Shot
- Other:

Initiated by (*check only one*):
- ☐ Arrest Warrant
- ☐ Call
- ☑ Observation
- ☐ One Person Unit
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Search Warrant
- ☑ Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*check only one*):
- ☐ Detective
- ☐ Inmate Transport
- ☐ Other
- ☑ Routine Patrol

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect	Aero Unit?	Canine Unit?
4	0	☑	☐

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*check only one*)	ShiftType (*check only one*)
[redacted]	Huerta	Argelia		☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Santos (Lynn)	Jessica	S.	☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty
[redacted]	Chung	James		☐ EM ☑ PM ☐ Day	☑ Regular ☐ Overtime ☐ Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]		M.I. [redacted]	
Street Address [redacted]	City [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]	
Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]		M.I. [redacted]	
Street Addre[redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted]	Work Ph	[redacted]	
Last Name [redacted]		First Name [redacted]		M.I.	
Street Addr[redacted]	City [redacted]	[redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]	

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	(*check one or more*)
[redacted]	Lavoie	Robert	A.	☑ On Duty ☐ Present during shooting ☐ Witness to shooting ☐ Involved in shooting
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Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Saucedo	Claudia	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Reynaga	Hugo	H.

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Involved Employee Information

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Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Saavedra-Soto	First Name: Hector	M.I.: NMI
Sex: M Race: H	Rank: DSG	Unit Assignment: East Los Angeles	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 23A
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [x] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [x] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [redacted]	Substance Used: [redacted]
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name: LCMC	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case #: N/A — Interviewed? [x]
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: UNK	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): [ ] Plain Clothes no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket w/ Vest [ ] Plain Clothes w/ Vest [ ] Uniform no Vest [ ] Raid Jacket no Vest [x] Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 506	Weight: 170		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted] Directed Force: [redacted]
Weapons Fired Brand: S&W	Caliber: 9mm	# Shots: 4	Weapons Fired Brand: N/A Caliber: - # Shots: -
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]

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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank:	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): [ ] EM [ ] PM [ ] Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): [ ] Regular [ ] Overtime [ ] Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? [ ]	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? [ ]	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? [ ]	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? [ ]
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Age: Height:	Weight:		
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Certified with Weapon Used? [ ]	Patrol Certification? [ ]	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? [ ] Number of Prior Shootings: Directed Force: [ ]
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Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

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Last Name: Rea		First Name: Paul	M.I. D.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H	Street Address: [redacted]	City [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone: [redacted]	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #:	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 18 D.O.B. 08/01/2000	Height: 5'04" Weight: 125	FBI # [redacted]	CII # [redacted]
Booking # Deceased	Primary Charge: Deceased	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☑	Coroner Case # 2019-04846	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☑	Substance Used: Marijuana
Armed? ☑	Apprehended? ☑	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☑
Vehicle Make: Audi		Model: A4	Year: 2005

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Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #	CII #
Booking #	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

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Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.
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Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
06/27/2019	0100 Hrs	03/30/2021	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	Barron	Eric	A.
[redacted]	Jones II	Robert	L.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(SS) SIG Sauer
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S#1	E#1	RS					NN	HD
S#1	E#1	PH					BR	HE
S#1	E#1	PH					CO	HE
E#1	S#1	CT					NN	HD
S#1	E#1	RS					SD	SH
E#1	S#1	CT					NN	AD
S#1	E#1	FH	GL	40	NA	NA	NN	NN
E#1	S#1	FH	SW	9	Y	Y	DH	IN

SUPPLEMENTAL NON-EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I. [redacted]
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]
Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]		M.I. [redacted]
Street Address [redacted]	Zip Code [redacted]	Work Ph	Home Ph [redacted]
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Last Name	First Name		M.I.
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SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYEE WITNESSES
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
Robles #[redacted]	Jaime		ELA - 5019 E. 3rd Street	90022	323-2644151	
Martinez #[redacted]	Israel		ELA - 5019 E. 3rd Street	90022	323-2644151	
Rivas #[redacted]	Veronica		ELA - 5019 E. 3rd Street	90022	323-2644151	
Ortiz #[redacted]	Miguel		ELA - 5019 E. 3rd Street	90022	323-2644151	

INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

SH2487204

INCIDENT: **On-Duty Hit Shooting, Fatal**

URN#: **019-09054-0285-013**

DATE/TIME: **June 27, 2019, 2258 Hours**

LOCATION: [redacted] **Gerhart Avenue, Los Angeles, CA.**

SYNOPSIS:

On June 28, 2019, at approximately 0100 hours, an Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) shooting rollout team consisting of Lieutenant Robert Jones, #[redacted] Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] and Sergeant Eric Barron, #[redacted] responded to East Los Angeles Station regarding a deputy involved hit-shooting investigation. The shooting resulted in multiple gunshot wounds to Suspect Paul Rea (hereinafter referred to as Suspect Rea). Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau Detectives Sergeant Marvin Jaramilla, #[redacted] and Sergeant Marcelo Quintero, #[redacted] arrived at the scene on June 28, 2019, at approximately 0102 hours. They assumed control of the scene and documented the shooting investigation under casebook, 019-09054-0285-013 **[EXHIBIT A]**.

While at East Los Angeles Station, Lieutenant Jones contacted the shift watch commander, Lieutenant Hugo Reynaga, #[redacted] Lieutenant Reynaga took reasonable steps to ensure the involved personnel and witnesses did not discuss the incident amongst themselves prior to their interview with Homicide Bureau investigators. Additionally, Lieutenant Jones confirmed Deputy Hector Saavedra (Involved Employee) was in the company of a supervisor until he provided a voluntary statement to Homicide Bureau investigators. Lieutenant Reynaga ensured all witness deputies documented their actions and observations regarding the shooting incident (See associated East Los Angeles Station reports 019-09054-0285-013 **[EXHIBIT A, pages 1-24 and 48-55]**).

SUMMARY

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2254 hours, East Los Angeles Station Deputy Huerta and Deputy Saavedra, Unit 23A, (see PM and EM shift in-services, **Miscellaneous Documents**) worked uniformed patrol in a black and white marked patrol vehicle on PM overlap shift ([redacted].

While patrolling the unincorporated county area southeast of the station, they saw a black sedan (California license plate number [redacted] see vehicle registration **[EXHIBIT B**) traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on Gerhart Avenue. The black sedan, (herein referred to as suspect vehicle) failed to come to a complete stop at the intersection of Gerhart Avenue and Repetto Street (See area street map and photos **[EXHIBIT C]**).

> **IAB Note:** **The intersection included the intersecting streets, Gerhart Avenue, Repetto Avenue, and Eagle Street. All streets and directions were controlled by posted stop signs.**

Deputies Huerta and Saavedra initiated a traffic stop of the suspect vehicle to warn or cite the driver regarding the vehicle code violations (See Deputy Daily Worksheet and Unit (23A) History Report in **Miscellaneous Documents**). The suspect vehicle yielded at [redacted] S. Gerhart Avenue (See area street map **[EXHIBIT C]**).

Driver Deputy Huerta stopped their patrol vehicle behind the suspect vehicle. While stopping, Deputy Huerta activated the vehicle's overhead takedown lights and the driver side spotlight. Deputy Saavedra activated the passenger side spotlight and directed it toward the suspect vehicle, then exited. Deputy Saavedra approached the suspect vehicle along the passenger side. Deputy Saavedra saw the suspect vehicle was occupied by two male Hispanics. Deputy Saavedra visually scanned the passenger compartment as Deputy Huerta approached along the driver's side of the vehicle. Both Deputies Saavedra and Huerta smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Deputy Huerta contacted the driver, [redacted] (Witness [redacted]. Witness [redacted] appeared nervous and did not comply with her commands to keep his hands on the steering wheel. Witness [redacted] argued about the reason for the traffic stop and failed to provide a driver's license to Deputy Huerta upon request.

Witness [redacted] admitted to Deputy Huerta that he smoked marijuana earlier that day. Deputy Huerta asked Witness [redacted] to exit the vehicle to conduct a possible driving under the influence of marijuana investigation. As Witness [redacted] exited the vehicle, Deputy Huerta saw his eyes were "red" and "glossy" and he smelled of marijuana. Deputy Huerta placed Witness [redacted] hands behind his back and controlled them. Deputy Huerta escorted Witness [redacted] to the passenger side of her patrol car. She searched Witness [redacted] and recovered a small cylindrical canister containing marijuana from Witness [redacted] pants pocket. Deputy Huerta handcuffed Witness [redacted] and secured him in the passenger side rear seat of the patrol car. Once Witness [redacted] was secured, Deputy Huerta walked toward Deputy Saavedra, who was standing next to the front passenger door of the suspect vehicle.

Deputy Saavedra engaged the passenger, Suspect Rea, in conversation. He admitted to Deputy Saavedra he had smoked marijuana prior to the traffic stop.

Deputy Saavedra asked Suspect Rea to exit the vehicle. Deputy Saavedra opened the front passenger door and stepped into the doorjamb space created by the open door. Deputy Saavedra used his hands to control Suspect Rea's hands as he exited the vehicle. Once Suspect Rea exited, Deputy Saavedra had Suspect Rea turn and face the vehicle. Deputy Saavedra placed Suspect Rea's hands behind his back and had him interlace his fingers. Deputy Saavedra controlled Suspect Rea's fingers and hands by using a Department trained basket weave control hold.

While in the doorjamb, Deputy Saavedra conducted a quick sweep of Suspect Rea's outer front waistband for weapons with his right hand. He did not feel any weapons. Deputy Saavedra escorted Suspect Rea to the front passenger quarter panel of the patrol car for a more thorough pat-down search for weapons. Suspect Rea was respectful and compliant during the contact and escort. Based on Suspect Rea's demeanor, Deputy Saavedra did not feel the need to handcuff him prior to the thorough pat-down search.

Once at the front quarter panel of the passenger side of the patrol car, Deputy Saavedra asked Suspect Rea to spread his feet wide. Once Suspect Rea's feet were spread wide, Deputy Saavedra used the basket weave control hold to push downward on Suspect Rea's crossed fingers and hands. This caused Suspect Rea to lean slightly backward during the search. Once Suspect Rea was leaning backward, Deputy Saavedra initiated a search of his waistband for weapons as Deputy Huerta stood approximately two feet away.

Deputy Saavedra initiated a pat down search by reaching across the front of Suspect Rea with his right hand and placing his thumb into the left side of Suspect Rea's waistband. As Deputy Saavedra began to sweep Suspect Rea's waistband from left to right, Suspect Rea instantaneously and in one rapid motion, pushed backward, broke his right hand free from Deputy Saavedra's grasp, turned to his left toward Deputy Saavedra, and punched him in his left temple area. Suspect's Rea's attack on Deputy Saavedra occurred within a fraction of a second.

As a result of the punch, Deputy Saavedra immediately felt pain to the left side of his head and it caused ringing in his left ear. Stunned by the blow, Deputy Saavedra attempted to hang onto Suspect Rea's waist and clothing. Initially, Deputy Saavedra wrapped his arms around Suspect Rea's waist to prevent himself from falling and to prevent Suspect Rea from fleeing. When Deputy Saavedra briefly wrapped his arms around Suspect Rea's waist (similar to a "bear hug"), he distinctly felt the hand grip of a semi-automatic handgun in Suspect Rea's waistband. Deputy Saavedra attempted to gain control of the handgun with his hand and tried to remove it from Suspect Rea's waistband, but he was off balance and the gun was caught up on the suspect's clothing. Suspect Rea continued to punch at Deputy Saavedra and violently turned his body to the side, in an apparent attempt to break free and maintain possession of the firearm. During this physical struggle, both Suspect Rea and Deputy Saavedra were moving in a northwest direction toward the northbound lane of S. Gerhart Avenue.

As Suspect Rea attempted to break free from Deputy Saavedra's grasp, he lifted his t-shirt at the waistband with his left hand. Suspect Rea reached toward the handgun in his waistband with his right hand. Deputy Saavedra had minimal, if any, control of Suspect Rea and feared the suspect was going to draw the handgun and kill him. Deputy Saavedra quickly drew his handgun and fired four rounds in rapid succession at close range (approximate 3 feet) at Suspect Rea to stop the threat.

IAB Note: A home surveillance video of the incident was recovered by Homicide Bureau [EXHIBIT D]. According to the video, the entire altercation and shooting incident occurred within four seconds.

Suspect Rea fell to the street in a prone position and made very little movement or sound. Deputies Saavedra and Huerta continued to detain Suspect Rea at gunpoint as they slowly retreated to partial cover behind their patrol vehicle. Deputies Saavedra and Huerta could not see Suspect Rea's hands or his firearm. They gave Suspect Rea several verbal commands to show his hands, but Suspect Rea did not comply.

Once Deputy Huerta was behind cover, she initiated emergent radio traffic over the duplex patch (For radio traffic see **[EXHIBIT E]**). Deputy Huerta broadcasted their location and that they had been involved in a deputy involved shooting. While coordinating on the "patch," Deputy Huerta requested assisting units and Fire Department paramedics to respond.

IAB Note: The "Duplex Patch" is a Sheriff's Communication Center controlled two way frequency used in emergent and tactical situations. It allows personnel to communicate directly with other involved units.

Within minutes, Aero Bureau and assisting units arrived at the location. Upon arrival, Deputy Santos formulated a tactical plan to have deputies approach, contact, and arrest Suspect Rea. Once the plan was formed, the team of deputies cleared the suspect vehicle for any additional unknown occupants. Next, the team gave Suspect Rea several verbal commands to show his hands. Suspect Rea did not respond to any of the team's commands.

With weapons drawn, the team approached Suspect Rea and controlled his hands. They handcuffed the suspect's hands behind his back without resistance. Deputy James Chung, searched Suspect Rea for weapons. Deputy Chung found a black semi-automatic handgun (See photos **[EXHIBIT F]**) lodged between Suspect Rea's ankle and his narrow pants cuff. Deputy Chung pulled Suspect Rea's right pant cuff aside and retrieved the handgun. Deputy Chung placed the handgun on the street approximately two feet away from Suspect Rea, since he was no longer deemed a threat.

After a quick assessment, Deputies determined Suspect Rea was in need of basic life support. He lacked chest rise and fall as well as a carotid pulse. Deputy Chung

initiated chest compressions and continued for several minutes until he was relieved by Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel from Engine 22, commanded by Captain Cortez. Fire department personnel treated Suspect Rea at the scene then transported him via CARE ambulance, #1207, to LAC+USC Medical Center. Suspect Rea was pronounced dead at 2334 hours by emergency room physician Dr. Quezada.

Witness [redacted] was transported to and booked at East Los Angeles Station for driving with a suspended license (see booking package in **Miscellaneous Documents**).

The incident scene was contained and Homicide Bureau was notified.

Deputy Saavedra was transported by East Los Angeles Station field supervisor Sergeant Lavoie, to LAC+USC Medical Center where he was treated for injuries he received during the incident. Following discharge from the emergency room, Deputy Saavedra was transported by Sergeant Lavoie to East Los Angeles Station where he remained in the conference room pending the arrival of his attorney Steven Welch.

Deputy Huerta was transported to East Los Angeles Station by Lieutenant Reynaga, where she remained until interviewed by Homicide Bureau investigators. She was not injured during the incident.

Assisting deputies at the scene initiated a canvass of the area for possible witnesses or video (See their supplemental reports **[EXHIBIT A, pages 1-24]**).

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S LETTER OF OPINION

The Justice System Integrity Division (JSID) of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office reviewed the fatal shooting of Suspect Paul Rea by Deputy Hector Saavedra. In the letter of opinion dated May 12, 2020, **[EXHIBIT G]**, Deputy District Attorney Shannon Presby concluded, Deputy Hector [redacted] acted lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Hector Saavedra, Deputy Sheriff, #[redacted]
Central Patrol Division
East Los Angeles Station

Work History

Date of Employment:	October 3, 2013
Date Assigned to Patrol/East Los Angeles Station:	May 7, 2017
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[redacted]
Prior Shooting incident(s):	
Prior Founded Force:	
Date of Qualification Prior to Shooting (PDC):	

Equipment Worn On Person

On June 27, 2019, Deputy Saavedra wore a long sleeve Class "A" uniform. The shirt had Department shoulder patches, a badge, and nameplate. He wore a leather Sam Browne belt with a hard plastic holster and his duty weapon, a Smith & Wesson M&P 9mm. It was loaded to capacity with 17 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. Additionally, Deputy Saavedra had pepper spray, two additional magazines loaded to capacity, radio, flashlight, two sets of handcuffs, and keys.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Paul Rea
Male, Hispanic, DOB: August 1, 2000, 5'04", 125 pounds
[redacted]

> IAB Note: **A copy of Suspect Rea's criminal history is included in the Homicide Investigation Book [EXHIBIT A, pages 67-70].**

WITNESSES

Witness Huerta
Witness Santos
Witness Chung
Witness Robles
Witness Martinez
Witness Rivas
Witness Ortiz
Witness [redacted]
Witness [redacted]
Witness [redacted]
Witness [redacted]
Witness [redacted]

SUSPECT INJURIES

Suspect Paul Rea

Suspect Rea sustained four gunshot wounds during this incident. On July 1, 2019, the County of Los Angeles Department of Medical Examiner-Coroner conducted an autopsy of Suspect Rea to determine the cause of death. Deputy Medical Examiner Doctor Timothy Dutra determined that a single gunshot wound to the right side base of Suspect Rea's neck was the fatal wound. The shot was tracked downward, leftward and slightly forward. It passed through the first rib, the aortic arch, and the heart, then came to rest in the muscular tissue of the left hemi diaphragm where it was recovered. All information related to Suspect Rea's injuries was documented within the Los Angeles

County Coroner Autopsy Report Case #2019-04846 (For further see autopsy report **[EXHIBIT A, pages 80-100]** and Autopsy Photographs **[EXHIBIT H]**).

- Gunshot wound to right base of neck
- Gunshot wound to left forearm
- Gunshot wound to right forearm
- Gunshot wound to right thigh

Deputy Hector Saavedra

Deputy Saavedra sustained a right shoulder injury which required follow up surgery. Deputy Saavedra suffered a concussion on his left temple as a result of Suspect Rea's initial punch. Deputy Saavedra had a contusion surrounding his left temple area (See photographs Deputy Saavedra's Injuries **[EXHIBIT I]**.

SUSPECT VEHICLE

Suspect Rea was a passenger in a 2005, Audi A4, black, 4-door sedan, California license plate #[redacted]. The vehicle had valid registration through October of 2019. The vehicle was registered to the driver, Witness [redacted] The vehicle was impounded as evidence (See CHP-180, URN 019-09054-0285-013 **[EXHIBIT A, page 53]**).

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

During a canvass of the homes in the area surrounding the scene, Homicide Bureau investigators found home security video of the shooting incident. Homicide Bureau Sergeant Robert Gray, #[redacted] along with tech crew personnel Sergeant [redacted] #[redacted] and Detective [redacted] #[redacted] recovered closed circuit television (CCTV) video surveillance **[EXHIBIT J]** from a single family residence located at [redacted] The videos, (which vary in length,) captured the area in front of the residence from three different cameras angles. The nighttime video was grainy and was effected by external light sources.

> **IAB Note: Homicide investigators determined the time stamp on the recovered videos was behind the actual time by approximately 11 minutes (Refer to EXHIBIT A, page 31 and see photo [EXHIBIT K]).**

The recovered videos consisted of the following:

> **IAB Note: The acronym, NOSA, represents No Obvious Significant Activity.**

CCTV Camera #1 Video Summation

CCTV Camera #1 was located on the west facing outer stucco wall of the garage. The domed video camera was positioned just below the single story roof line, approximately one foot north of the garage southern wall. Homicide Bureau investigators recovered 25 separate videos from Camera #1. The camera angle faced a northwest direction. The following briefly summarizes each videos content (Review complete video for entire content **[EXHIBIT J]**).

CCTV CAM 1 - Video 1 - Video 7 – NOSA

CCTV CAM 1 - Video 8 - An unidentified male walked S/B on the east sidewalk toward the just initialed traffic stop by Deputy Huerta and Deputy Saavedra.

CCTV CAM 1 - Video 9 – Video 21- NOSA

CCTV CAM 1 - Video 22 - Los Angeles County Fire Department paramedics and ambulance drove Code 3, N/B on [redacted] in the S/B lane of traffic.

CCTV CAM 1 - Video 23 - Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine Company drove Code 3, N/B on [redacted] in the S/B lane of traffic.

CCTV CAM 1 - Video 24 – Video 25 - NOSA

CCTV Camera #2 Video Summation

CCTV Camera #2 was located on the west facing outer stucco wall of the garage. The domed video camera was positioned just below the single story roof line, approximately one foot south of the garage northern wall. Homicide Bureau investigators recovered 25 separate videos from Camera #2. The camera angle faces a southwest direction. The following briefly summarizes each videos content (Review complete video for entire content **[EXHIBIT J]**).

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 1 – Video 7 - NOSA

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 8
22:44:29 - Suspect vehicle and Deputies Saavedra's and Huerta's patrol vehicle entered frame. The suspect vehicle yields with deputies stopping behind. Deputies Saavedra and Huerta exit their patrol vehicle and approach suspect vehicle.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 9
22:45:30 – Same unidentified male from previous video walked S/B on the east sidewalk and appeared to watch the traffic stop activity.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 10 [EXHIBIT D] - A 27 second video captured a physical altercation between Deputy Saavedra and Suspect Rea. This video also captured the shooting incident as the same unidentified male from previous videos is depicted on the east sidewalk near the incident.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 11 - Suspect Rea is depicted laying on his back in the street and moving slightly. Deputy Saavedra is seen covering Suspect Rea at gunpoint from a few feet away. The unidentified male appeared to be video recording the incident from his cell phone.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 12 - Deputies Saavedra and Huerta retreated to their vehicle for partial cover and waited for assisting units. The unidentified male walked N/B along the east sidewalk and out of frame.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 13 - Assisting units arrived. Nearby resident, [redacted] (Witness [redacted], walked S/B on the east sidewalk toward the traffic stop and appeared to make a phone call. Suspect Rea remained in the street and appeared not to move. The contact team approached Suspect Rea and controlled him.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 14 - Deputies remained with Suspect Rea. Witness [redacted] remained on east sidewalk and watched the events.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 15 - Deputies remained with Suspect Rea. Witness [redacted] engaged in conversation with Deputy Palombi, #[redacted] on the east sidewalk.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 16 - Deputies remained with Suspect Rea. Deputy Palombi continued conversation with Witness [redacted]. Deputies initiated scene control.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 17 - Deputies remained with Suspect Rea.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 18 - Deputies remained with Suspect Rea.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 19 - Deputies continued to contain scene. Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel arrived at Suspect Rea.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 20 - Fire Department personnel rendered medical aid to Suspect Rea. Suspect Rea was loaded onto a gurney and removed from the scene.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 21 - Ambulance, paramedics, and a patrol car drive N/B [redacted] in S/B lane of traffic and exit frame.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 22 - Fire Department Engine Company drive N/B [redacted] in S/B lane of traffic and exit frame.

CCTV CAM 2 - Video 23 – Video 25 - NOSA

CCTV Camera #3 Video Summation

CCTV Camera #3 was located on the northwest corner of the residence. The domed video camera was positioned just below the single story roof line. Homicide Bureau investigators recovered 19 separate videos from Camera #3. The camera angle was faced in a southwest direction. The traffic stop cannot be seen by Camera #3 because the view is blocked by the northwest corner wall of the residence's garage. The following, briefly summarizes each videos content (Review complete video for entire content **[EXHIBIT J]**).

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 1 – Video 6 - NOSA

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 7 - Unidentified male adult walked S/B on east sidewalk.

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 8 – Video 10 - NOSA

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 11 - Witness [redacted] walked S/B on the east sidewalk.

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 12 - NOSA

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 13 - Witness [redacted] talked with Deputy Palombi.

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 14 - NOSA

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 15 - Los Angeles County Fire Department personnel arrived and treated Suspect Rea. Minutes later, the ambulance, paramedics, and follow patrol vehicle drove Code 3 from the scene N/B [redacted] in the S/B lane of traffic.

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 16 - Los Angeles County Fire Department Engine Company drove Code 3 from the scene N/B [redacted] in the S/B lane of traffic.

CCTV CAM 3 - Video 17 – Video 18 - NOSA

Homicide Bureau investigators made a "zoomed in" version of the CCTV CAM 2 – Video 10. This video (See DIS Video Clip **[EXHIBIT D]**) depicted the altercation between Deputy Saavedra and Suspect Rea. Additionally, it captured the shooting incident. IAB investigators viewed the video in slow motion and dissected the four seconds from the time Suspect Rea turned and punched Deputy Saavedra in the left temple, through the four discharged rounds by Deputy Saavedra.

IAB Note: The times listed below are based on the "DIS Clip" video time bar counter located at the bottom when viewed [EXHIBIT D].

- **00:02 Seconds:** The video depicted movement by Suspect Rea and Deputy Saavedra at the front passenger side quarter panel of the patrol vehicle.

- **00:03 Seconds:** Suspect Rea and Deputy Saavedra appeared engaged in a physical altercation and moved toward the front of the patrol vehicle

- **00:04 Seconds:** Suspect Rea and Deputy Saavedra appeared engaged in a physical altercation and moved toward the driver's side headlight of the patrol vehicle

- **00:05 Seconds:** Suspect Rea and Deputy Saavedra appeared engaged in a physical altercation and emerged northwest of the obscuring lights of the patrol car. Deputy Saavedra was seen hanging on to Suspect Rea's clothing with his left hand and drawing his duty weapon from his holster with his right hand. Deputy Saavedra appeared to initiate the shooting immediately.

- **00:06 Seconds:** Deputy Saavedra is seen releasing Suspect Rea's clothing from his left hand. Deputy Saavedra appeared to shoot three additional rounds, and Suspect Rea fell to the street.

Additionally, Homicide Bureau detectives recovered several items of physical evidence related to this incident. The items included four expended 9mm casings, and a black semiautomatic .40 caliber handgun. The .40 caliber handgun was found with 13 rounds in the magazine and with an empty chamber. The .40 caliber handgun was collected as evidence at the scene by Forensic Identification Specialist (FIS) Gloria Aldaba from the LASD Scientific Services (FIS Aldaba identified and collected additional items of evidence which were documented within her Supplemental Report **[EXHIBIT L]**). The handgun was submitted for biological examination by Senior Criminalist Gregory Wong, #[redacted] [see **EXHIBIT A, pages 71-72**] and chemically processing by FIS Ryan Parker, #[redacted] (see [**EXHIBIT A, page 77]**). The firearm was submitted for examination of latent prints by Forensic Identification Specialist II, Danielle Tiesma, #[redacted] [see **EXHIBIT A, pages 75-76**]. The results of the chemical testing on Suspect Rea's firearm were negative. Suspect Rea's firearm returned negative for prints as well. Suspect Rea's firearm was examined and determined to be functional by Senior Criminalist Steve Shiraishi, #[redacted] (See **[EXHIBIT A], pages 78-79**).

Deputy Saavedra's firearm, a S&W M&P 9mm Serial #[redacted] was examined and determined functional by Senior Criminalist Steve Shiraishi, #[redacted] (See **[EXHIBIT A], pages 73-74**]).

Once the review of the case facts and evidence were completed by the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, the administrative case became active on May 12, 2020. IAB investigators contacted Homicide Bureau Investigator Sergeant Jaramilla and requested all associated materials. Sergeant Jaramilla forwarded a flash drive **[EXHIBIT M]** containing; audio from interviews, coroner's reports and photos, scene photos, radio traffic, transcripts, and video.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

On June 28, 2019, at approximately 0100 hours, Internal Affairs Bureau Sergeant [redacted] and Sergeant Barron arrived at the scene. Homicide Bureau investigators briefed and escorted IAB investigators through the scene.

The scene was photographed (See scene photos **[EXHIBIT N]**) and diagramed **[EXHIBIT O]** by FIS Aldaba. The scene appeared consistent with the narration of the incident and scene documentation.

WEAPON USED BY DEPUTY SAAVEDRA

Deputy Saavedra fired four rounds from his Department issued Smith & Wesson M&P 9MM. Deputy Saavedra's pistol was equipped with a "Sure Fire" light activated by a hand activated pressure switch. The firearm was examined by Senior Criminalist Steve Shiraishi, #[redacted] of the Scientific Services Bureau Firearms Identification Section and found to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, pages 73 - 74].**

A round count was conducted by Homicide Bureau. Deputy Saavedra's firearm contained 13 rounds in his seated magazine and one round in the chamber. Deputy Saavedra's magazine (which was inside the well of his gun at the time of the shooting) was submitted along with its ammunition of 14 live "Luger" 9mm rounds. There were four expended cartridge cases recovered from the scene. They were head stamped, "FC 9MM Luger" matching the head stamp of the rounds in Deputy Saavedra's firearm (see scene photos **[EXHIBIT N]**). Deputy Saavedra's firearm was not submitted for latent prints, blood evidence, or DNA testing.

SUSPECT REA'S WEAPON

Suspect Rea's firearm was recovered from lane one of northbound S. Gerhart Avenue, in front of [redacted] S. Gerhart Avenue. (See scene photos **[EXHIBIT N]**). It was recovered and rendered safe by Scientific Services Bureau Senior Criminalist Steve Shiraishi, #[redacted] He identified the firearm as a Polymer 80 Inc. semiautomatic pistol, .40 caliber (Serial #[redacted]). The handgun was described by Mr. Shiraishi as a "machined and assembled from an incomplete firearm," referred to as an "80%" unfinished pistol frame, and therefore lacks a commercially produced serial number. The Glock model 27 slide and barrel assembled onto the frame exhibited the serial number, "[redacted]" The firearm was determined to be functional **[EXHIBIT A, pages 78-79]**.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

There was no property damage identified as a result of this incident.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS AND CHARGES FILED

No charges were filed (Suspect Rea deceased).

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

This incident occurred outdoors at approximately 2254 hours. The weather was warm and dry. This incident occurred on a dark night with a waning crescent moon. Although there were functional street lights at the scene, the scene was dimly lit.

RADIO TRANSMISSION

The IAB Investigators reviewed all radio traffic **[EXHIBIT E]** associated with the incident. At approximately 2258 hours, Deputy Huerta requested emergent radio traffic over Dispatch 3. She was immediately placed on the Duplex Patch and broadcasted they were involved in a deputy involved shooting at [redacted] She coordinated the direction of responding units and requested paramedics for Suspect Rea.

> **IAB Note: Deputy Huerta broadcasted her location as [redacted] The location of occurrence was determined to be [redacted] S. Gerhart Avenue.**

Aero Bureau 21 was in the vicinity at the time of the emergent radio traffic and responded within seconds. Aero Bureau assisted with scene containment and coordination on the Duplex Patch.

STATEMENTS

The following narratives are intended only as a synopsis of the interviews. Additional information and precise wording may be obtained by reviewing the DVD containing the digitally audio recorded interviews and the verbatim transcriptions. IAB investigators reviewed all reports authored by the involved deputies and determined they were consistent with their IAB Shooting Review interviews.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY HECTOR SAAVEDRA

Homicide Interview

On June 28, 2019, at approximately 0538 hours, Deputy Saavedra was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Sergeant Jaramilla and Detective Quintero. The interview was audio recorded and was summarized in the Homicide Bureau Investigation Book **[EXHIBIT A, pages 41-45]**.

IAB Interview

On January 26, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Layne Arnold interviewed Deputy Saavedra. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is summary of the interview:

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2254 hours, Deputy Saavedra and Deputy Huerta were patrolling the unincorporated county area just southeast of the East Los Angeles Station. While patrolling, Deputies Saavedra and Huerta saw the suspect vehicle commit two vehicle code violations. They ran the license plate of the suspect vehicle as it traveled northbound on S. Gerhart Avenue. They initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle in front of [redacted] S. Gerhart Avenue.

Deputies Saavedra and Huerta illuminated the sedan with their patrol car's spotlights and overhead takedown lights. Both deputies exited the patrol car and approached the sedan. Deputy Saavedra arrived at the passenger side of the vehicle slightly before Deputy Huerta arrived at the driver's side. The vehicle had two male Hispanic occupants, Witness [redacted] and Suspect Rea. Witness [redacted] was in the driver's seat and Suspect Rea was in the front passenger seat.

Deputy Saavedra contacted Suspect Rea and smelled burnt marijuana coming from the passenger compartment of the vehicle.

Deputy Huerta contacted the driver who was argumentative about the reason for being stopped. Deputy Huerta removed the driver from the vehicle and escorted him to the passenger side of the vehicle where she conducted a pat-down search and placed him in the rear seat of the patrol car.

Deputy Saavedra controlled Suspect Rea as he removed him from the vehicle. While in the doorjamb area, Deputy Saavedra controlled Suspect Rea's hands behind his back, and conducted a sweep of his waistband from front left to right and then the rear. Deputy Saavedra did not feel any weapons.

Deputy Saavedra used a basket weave control hold of Suspect Rea's hands as he escorted him to the passenger side front quarter panel of the patrol vehicle. Once at the quarter panel, Deputy Saavedra had Suspect Rea face the patrol vehicle. Suspect Rea was cooperative and told Deputy Saavedra he had a "pipe" on him prior to the pat-down search. Suspect Rea spread his feet while Deputy Saavedra controlled his hands with his left hand. Deputy Saavedra initiated a search of Suspect Rea's front waistband by reaching across the front of him with his right hand. He placed his thumb inside the front left waistband and began to sweep to the right. As Deputy Saavedra reached Suspect Rea's midline, Suspect Rea pushed backward and pulled his right hand from Deputy Saavedra's grasp. Deputy Saavedra was pushed off balance and Suspect Rea turned to his left toward Deputy Saavedra and punched him in the left temple. Deputy Saavedra was knocked off balance from Suspect Rea's quick turn and was "stunned" by the punch. Deputy Saavedra said he briefly lost consciousness and heard ringing in his left ear, but did not fall to the ground. He said the assault by Suspect Rea happened very quickly. Deputy Saavedra lost all periphery vision and his concept of time slowed drastically. Deputy Saavedra also experienced hearing loss and could not hear himself yelling during the incident.

After the initial punch to Deputy Saavedra's left temple, Suspect Rea threw additional punches at Deputy Saavedra while he was stunned and off balance. Deputy Saavedra attempted to defend himself and fight back. He bear hugged Suspect Rea around his waist to maintain his balance and stop Suspect Rea's flight, and to tackle him to the ground. But, when Deputy Saavedra bear hugged Suspect Rea, he grabbed onto the grip of a semiautomatic handgun in the suspect's waistband. Deputy Saavedra attempted to pull the gun from Suspect Rea's waistband, but was unsuccessful because the gun was caught in Suspect Rea's clothing. During this struggle, Suspect Rea and Deputy Saavedra were moving in a northwest direction between the patrol car and the suspect vehicle.

As Suspect Rea got some separation, he lifted his t-shirt with his left hand and reached for his waistband with his right hand. Deputy Saavedra feared Suspect Rea was going to retrieve the handgun and shoot him. He indicated, "I thought I was gonna die that night." Deputy Saavedra quickly released Suspect Rea with his left hand and drew his duty weapon with his right hand. Deputy Saavedra immediately fired "three or four" rounds at Suspect Rea from approximately five feet away. The backdrop was a center median with foliage and single family residences in the distance. As a result, of the shots, Suspect Rea fell to the ground and rolled. Suspect Rea's hands were not visible while Deputy Saavedra continued to aim his gun at Suspect Rea, he therefore retreated toward cover.

Deputy Huerta requested assistance via her handheld radio. Deputy Saavedra did not hear her radio traffic because he sustained temporary loss of hearing from the punch to his head. Assisting units quickly arrived and took control of the incident. Within seconds after their arrival, Deputy Saavedra moved to the rear of the assisting patrol vehicles and met with Sergeant Lavoie. Sergeant Lavoie drove Deputy Saavedra and Deputy Huerta to LAC+USC Medical Center within minutes of his arrival. Deputy Saavedra said he felt dizzy and nauseous. Deputy Saavedra was treated for a right shoulder tear, a concussion, and a contusion on the left side of his head.

DEPUTY ARGELIA HUERTA (SINCE PROMOTED TO SERGEANT)

Homicide Interview

On June 28, 2019, Deputy Huerta was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Sergeant Jaramilla and Detective Quintero. The interview was audio recorded and summarized in the Homicide Bureau Investigation Book **[EXHIBIT A. pages 38-40]**.

IAB Interview

On January 20, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Layne Arnold interviewed Deputy Huerta at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed. The following is summary of the interview:

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2254 hours, Deputy Saavedra and Deputy Huerta were patrolling in the unincorporated county area southeast of their station. While patrolling, Deputies Saavedra and Huerta saw a black sedan speed northbound on Gerhart Avenue. When the black sedan approached the intersection of Gerhart Avenue and Repetto Street, it failed to come to a complete stop at a posted stop sign. Deputies Saavedra and Huerta followed the black sedan and ran its license plate. Deputy Huerta initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle which yielded in front of [redacted] S. Gerhart Avenue.

Deputy Saavedra exited the patrol car and approached the passenger side of the vehicle first. Deputy Huerta exited and approached the driver's side of the vehicle. Deputy Huerta contacted the driver, Witness [redacted]. Deputy Huerta had her gun drawn, but kept it by her side during the initial contact.

Witness [redacted] continually asked Deputy Huerta why he was stopped. Deputy Huerta asked Witness [redacted] approximately three times to keep his hands on the steering wheel, but he did not comply.

During the contact with Witness [redacted] Deputy Huerta smelled the odor of marijuana emitting from inside the car. Deputy Huerta had Witness [redacted] exit the vehicle. She escorted Witness [redacted] to the passenger side of the patrol car. She searched him and recovered a canister of marijuana from his pants pocket. Deputy Huerta handcuffed Witness [redacted] and placed him in the rear seat of the patrol car. Deputy Huerta secured the rear door of the patrol car and began to walk toward Deputy Saavedra. Deputy Saavedra had removed Suspect Rea from the black sedan and was escorting him toward the passenger side of the patrol vehicle. Suspect Rea was cooperative and smiling.

Deputy Saavedra stopped Suspect Rea at the front passenger quarter panel of the patrol vehicle. Deputy Saavedra faced Suspect Rea toward the patrol car and initiated a pat-down search. As Deputy Saavedra swept Suspect Rea's front waistband from left to right, Suspect Rea abruptly, and without provocation, turned and punched Deputy Saavedra in the left temple area. Deputy Huerta described the punch as so hard and loud that she thought, "Does this guy have, like, brass knuckles or something?" Suspect Rea attempted to run between the front of the patrol car and the rear of the black sedan, northwest toward the traffic lanes of South Gerhart Avenue. Deputy Saavedra lunged toward Suspect Rea and grabbed onto him or his clothing near his waistband. At this time, Deputy Huerta was starting to run just a few feet behind Deputy Saavedra. A few seconds into the fight, Suspect Rea turned toward Deputy Saavedra and Deputy Huerta heard three to four shots. Deputy Huerta saw Suspect Rea fall to the ground. Deputy Saavedra told her Suspect Rea had a gun. Deputy Saavedra retreated to cover behind the radio car driver's door. Deputy Huerta retreated to cover behind the passenger's door of the radio car.

Deputy Huerta initiated emergent radio traffic requesting assisting units and paramedics for Suspect Rea. Deputy Huerta looked at Deputy Saavedra who appeared in "shock." Within minutes, maybe seconds, assisting units arrived. Assisting deputies helped clear

the black sedan of any additional suspects, then contacted and handcuffed Suspect Rea. Deputy Huerta saw a handgun recovered during a search of Suspect Rea.

Once Suspect Rea was handcuffed, Sergeant Lavoie transported Deputy Huerta and Deputy Saavedra to the hospital. Deputy Huerta, who was not injured in the incident, was picked up minutes later by Lieutenant Reynaga. Lieutenant Reynaga transported Deputy Huerta to the East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station where she made phone calls to family and a union representative. She remained in the watch commander's office pending interview by Homicide Bureau investigators.

WITNESS DEPUTY JESSICA SANTOS (LYNN)

On February 15, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Layne Arnold interviewed Deputy Jessica Santos, at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2245 hours, Deputy Santos and her [redacted] Deputy Robles, were in the parking lot of East Los Angeles Station discussing the events of their PM shift. While talking, they heard emergent radio traffic that Deputies Saavedra and Huerta were involved in a deputy involved shooting. They responded to the assistance request and were at the shooting location within 2-3 minutes. They arrived simultaneously with Deputy Ortiz (Unit 21) and Deputy Rivas (Unit 21K1). They parked behind Deputy Saavedra's and Huerta's patrol car and exited.

Deputy Santos contacted Deputy Saavedra on the passenger side of his patrol car. Deputy Saavedra appeared in shock, disoriented, and had a blank stare. Deputy Saavedra had swelling on the side of his face and was "acting out of the ordinary." Deputy Saavedra repeatedly told Deputy Santos that Suspect Rea had a gun in his possession.

Deputy Santos gathered Deputies Chung, Robles, and Martinez, and formulated a tactical plan to approach and arrest of Suspect Rea. Once the plan was formulated, which included less lethal force of options, they advanced toward Suspect Rea and gave him several verbal commands to show his hands. Suspect Rea did not respond or react to any of the commands. They tactically approached Suspect Rea who was laying on his back on the street in the northbound lane of traffic. Upon contact, Deputies Robles and Martinez controlled his arms and hands. They rolled him onto his stomach and handcuffed his hands behind his back. Suspect Rea's body was limp and gave no resistance. While being rolled onto his stomach, a black semi-automatic handgun was partially exposed from his pant leg, near one of his ankles. Deputy Chung recovered the handgun and placed it on the ground away from Suspect Rea.

Deputy Santos did not know if the handgun had a magazine in it or if it was loaded. She said the handgun was not rendered safe by patrol personnel.

Suspect Rea was unresponsive. He did not have a pulse and was not breathing. Deputy Chung initiated chest compressions while paramedics responded from their nearby staging area. They arrived within a couple of minutes and assumed medical care for Suspect Rea. Deputy Santos said paramedics pronounced Suspect Rea deceased at the scene and was not transported to the hospital.

> IAB Note: **Suspect Rea was transported, via ambulance, to LAC+USC Medical Center where he received advanced medical efforts to resuscitate him, but eventually Suspect Rea succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased by the emergency room physician.**

Deputy Santos saw blood on Suspect Rea's clothing, but never saw any of his wounds.

Deputy Santos and Deputy Robles helped contain the scene and assisted with canvassing the area for potential witnesses.

WITNESS DEPUTY JAMES CHUNG

On February 10, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Layne Arnold interviewed **Deputy James Chung**, at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2250 hours, Deputy Chung and his [redacted] Deputy John Strosnider, were at the East Los Angeles Station [redacted] They heard emergent radio of a deputy involved shooting broadcasted by Deputy Huerta. They quickly responded to the nearby location with additional patrol units from the station.

Upon arrival, Deputy Chung exited his patrol car and walked to the rear of Deputy Saavedra's and Deputy Huerta's patrol car. Deputy Santos formulated an approach and contact plan which included less lethal force options.

Deputy Santos, Deputy Chung, and two additional deputies staged near the front of Deputy Saavedra's patrol car. They gave Suspect Rea several verbal commands to show his hands. Suspect Rea was lying in a prone position in the number one lane of northbound traffic Gerhart Avenue. Deputy Chung did not see a gun near Suspect Rea prior to or during the approach of Suspect Rea.

The team approached Suspect Rea. Upon contact, Deputy Chung controlled Suspect Rea's hands behind his back where another deputy handcuffed him. Deputy Chung rolled Suspect Rea onto his left side and initiated a pat down search of his clothing for weapons. As Deputy Chung searched Suspect Rea's narrow right pant leg near his ankle, he found a handgun. Deputy Chung retrieved the black semiautomatic handgun and placed it on the street at an "arm's distance reach" away.

Suspect Rea was unresponsive, and determined to not be breathing and did not have a pulse. Deputy Chung exposed Suspect Rea's chest and initiated basic life support chest compressions. Approximately two to three minutes into chest compressions, paramedics arrived and took charge of Suspect Rea's medical care. Fire department personnel transported Suspect Rea via ambulance to LAC+USC Medical Center. Deputy Chung rode in the ambulance with Suspect Rea. Suspect Rea never regained consciousness. During the transport, Deputy Chung saw Suspect Rea had a gunshot wound near his neck.

Once in the emergency room, Suspect Rea was given advanced lifesaving medical care. He was pronounced deceased by an emergency room physician at 2334 hours.

WITNESS DEPUTY JAIME ROBLES

On February 18, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Layne Arnold interviewed **Deputy Jaime Robles**, at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2250 hours, Deputy Robles and his [redacted] Deputy Santos, were in the East Los Angeles Station parking lot when they heard emergent radio traffic of a deputy involved in a fight. They responded to the location using lights and siren and arrived within three to four minutes.

Upon arrival, Deputy Santos initiated a tactical plan to approach and arrest Suspect Rea who was laying in the street. The plan included less lethal options. After several verbal commands to show his hands, Deputy Santos, Deputy Robles and two additional deputies approached the suspect and controlled him with their hands. Deputy Robles rolled Suspect Rea from his back onto his stomach while controlling his arms and hands. He assisted with handcuffing the suspect, who did not resist. Once Suspect Rea was handcuffed, Deputy Robles searched his pockets and found his wallet. He retrieved the wallet and gave it to Deputy Santos. While searching Suspect Rea's pockets, Deputy Robles heard the sound of metal scrape the asphalt. The sound was followed by Deputy Chung saying the suspect had a gun.

Deputy Robles saw blood on Suspect Rea, but he did not see any specific injuries to him. Deputy Chung conducted chest compressions on Suspect Rea. Fire department personnel arrived within minutes and transported Suspect Rea via ambulance to the hospital.

Deputy Robles remained at the scene. He was later designated to maintain the major incident log.

WITNESS DEPUTY ISRAEL MARTINEZ

On February 22, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Angel Fisher interviewed **Deputy Israel Martinez**, at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2250 hours, Deputy Martinez was en-route to a priority call in the city of Commerce when he heard Deputy Huerta's assistance request of a deputy involved shooting. Deputy Martinez responded to their location and arrived approximately one minute later, and was the first assisting unit that arrived.

Deputy Martinez contacted Deputy Saavedra, who was standing on the driver's side of his patrol car. Deputy Martinez described Deputy Saavedra as "distraught" and "he wasn't all there in the head." Deputy Saavedra was detaining a downed suspect at gunpoint. The suspect was laying on his stomach in the northbound lane of Gerhart Avenue. The suspect was approximately 20 feet away and was unresponsive to verbal commands. Deputy Martinez could not see the suspect's hands and the lighting was poor.

Once additional assisting units arrived, Deputy Santos formed a plan to approach and arrest the suspect. As Deputies Santos, Chung, and Robles approached the suspect, Deputy Martinez focused on the suspect vehicle, pending it being cleared. He remained between the suspect vehicle and the deputies who contacted the suspect. His back was toward the deputies and his focus and firearm were aimed at the un-cleared suspect vehicle. Moments after the deputies handcuffed the suspect, the vehicle was cleared.

After the situation went static, Deputy Martinez was assigned the task of taping off the scene. Once the scene was secured, Deputy Martinez canvassed the east side of Gerhart Avenue for potential witnesses and then assisted with crowd control.

Deputy Martinez never saw Suspect Rea's injuries or his firearm. Deputy Martinez never saw medical aid rendered to the suspect because his assigned tasks removed him from the immediate area.

WITNESS DEPUTY VERONICA RIVAS

On February 18, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Layne Arnold interviewed **Deputy Veronica Rivas** at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2250 hours, Deputy Rivas and he[redacted] Deputy Miguel Ortiz, were at the East Los Angeles Station. Deputy Rivas responded to [redacted]Gerhart Avenue regarding emergent radio traffic. Upon arrival, she saw Deputy Saavedra standing between his patrol car and the suspect vehicle. Deputy Saavedra had swelling to his left temple, left eye, and left ear.

Deputy Rivas approached Suspect Rea, who was laying in the northbound lane of traffic on Gerhart Avenue. Deputy Rivas saw a black handgun on the ground near Suspect Rea, and Deputy Chung told him he recovered the handgun from Suspect Rea's pant leg. Suspect Rea was handcuffed, and he was laying on his back.

Deputy Chung administered chest compressions to Suspect Rea until fire department personnel arrived and assumed his medical care. Suspect Rea had blood on his torso, but she did not identify any actual gunshot wounds. Fire department personnel took Suspect Rea from the scene via ambulance and transported him to the hospital.

Deputy Rivas remained at the scene with her [redacted] and assumed scene control. They contained the scene and organized deputy personnel to canvass the area. They provided Homicide Bureau investigators with a briefing of the incident and turned over the scene to them.

WITNESS DEPUTY MIGUEL ORTIZ

On February 24, 2021, IAB Investigator's Sergeants James Jordan and Angel Fisher interviewed **Deputy Miguel Ortiz** at the Internal Affairs Bureau office. The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On June 27, 2019, at approximately 2250 hours, Deputy Ortiz heard Deputy Huerta's assistance request for a deputy involved shooting. Deputy Ortiz and his [redacted] Deputy Rivas, responded to the location from the East Los Angeles Station and arrived approximately three minutes later.

They approached the scene from the south. Upon arrival, Deputy Ortiz exited his vehicle and saw deputies dealing with the suspect laying in the northbound lane of Gerhart Avenue. Deputy Ortiz contacted Deputy Saavedra who was standing near his patrol car's front bumper. Deputy Saavedra had redness on the left side of his face. Deputy Saavedra appeared "shocked" and "dazed," "There was something other than the norm."

Once the suspect was secured, deputies initiated CPR on the suspect. Deputy Ortiz saw blood on the suspect's chest and torso, but did not see gunshot wounds.

Deputy Ortiz and Deputy Rivas took control of the scene. He coordinated scene containment, witness canvassing, and handled radio communications with the command post.

Deputy Ortiz gave Deputy Rivas the responsibility of walking Homicide Bureau investigators to the scene and briefing them with the known circumstances. Deputy Ortiz saw a handgun on the street near the suspect, prior to paramedics transporting him to the hospital.

Deputy Ortiz and Deputy Rivas wrote the initial incident report as well as a supplemental report documenting the incident.

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On June 28, 2019, at approximately 0346 hours, Witness [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detective Sergeants Jaramilla and Quintero. Their summarized interview can be found in the homicide casebook **[EXHIBIT A, pages 36-38]**

While driving to a marijuana dispensary on June 27, 2019, he picked up a friend (Suspect Rea) who was walking in the area. After they left the dispensary, Witness [redacted] drove northbound on Gerhart Avenue, where he was stopped by an East Los Angeles Station patrol unit. The patrol unit had two deputies, one female, and one male. Witness [redacted] said the female deputy contacted him and "had the gun to my face." Witness [redacted] panicked and was scared for his life. Witness [redacted] said Deputy Huerta ordered him out of the car. Witness [redacted] asked Deputy Huerta what he did wrong, and why he had to get out of the car. Deputy Huerta guided Witness [redacted] out of the car. Deputy Huerta searched Witness [redacted] and placed him in the rear seat of the patrol car.

From the rear seat of the patrol vehicle, Witness [redacted] saw the male deputy (Deputy Saavedra) remove Suspect Rea from the front passenger seat of his vehicle. Deputy Saavedra escorted Suspect Rea to the trunk of his car and began to search him. During the search, Suspect Rea broke free from Deputy Saavedra's control and attempted to escape, but was grabbed from behind by Deputy Saavedra. Suspect Rea attempted to break free from Deputy Saavedra's hold by using his hands to release his grasp. Deputy Saavedra shot Suspect Rea three times.

Witness [redacted] knew Suspect Rea for approximately four years. He never saw Suspect Rea with a gun, nor did Suspect Rea tell him he was in possession of a firearm.

Witness [redacted] said it took a while before the deputies rendered aid to Suspect Rea. Paramedics arrived approximately 10 minutes later.

IAB Interview

On February 24, 2021, IAB Investigator Sergeant Jordan contacted Witness [redacted] via telephone. Witness [redacted] declined to be interviewed stating his attorney advised him not to speak with police. Witness [redacted] told Sergeant Jordan his attorney was Arnoldo Casillas and provided his phone number.

Sergeant Jordan contacted Attorney Arnoldo Casillas via telephone. Mr. Casillas stated his client would not submit to an interview regarding the shooting incident. The

following day, Mr. Casillas sent an email **[EXHIBIT P]** documenting the conversation and Witness [redacted] decision to decline being interviewed.

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On July 5, 2019, Homicide Investigator Sergeant Jaramilla spoke on the phone with Witness [redacted] **Witness** [redacted] agreed to be interviewed along with her two [redacted] Witness [redacted] 15 years old, and Witness [redacted] 25 years old, at a later date (July 8, 2019). On July 8, 2019 Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] declined to be interviewed regarding the incident **[EXHIBIT A, page 105]**.

IAB Interview

On February 24, 2021, at approximately 1847 hours, IAB Investigator Sergeant Jordan conducted a telephonic interview with **Witness** [redacted] The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On the night of June 27, 2019, at approximately 2245 hours, Witness [redacted] was walking northbound Gerhart Avenue north of [redacted] with her two [redacted] Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted]

While walking northbound, Witness [redacted] saw a police car make a traffic stop with its flashing lights. Witness [redacted] saw a "guy" out of the driver's side door of the suspect vehicle with his hands in the air. She said the deputies started shooting the guy who then fell to the floor. She estimated she was approximately five houses south of the incident when she heard the shots.

Witness [redacted] said there was one male deputy at the traffic stop and one additional passenger inside the suspect vehicle when the shooting occurred. The passenger was removed from the suspect vehicle after the incident.

Backup units arrived to assist the deputy within a minute of the shooting.

Witness [redacted] recorded the incident with her phone, but never provided any video to investigators who supplied her with opportunities.

Witness [redacted] and her two boys were the only people in the vicinity at the time of the incident. She said the deputies never gave the suspect CPR and when the gurney arrived, the suspect was placed face down.

WITNESS [redacted]

IAB Interview

On February 24, 2021, at approximately 1837 hours, IAB Investigator Sergeant Jordan conducted a telephonic interview with **Witness** [redacted] The interview was audio recorded and transcribed.

On the night of June 27, 2019, at approximately 2245 hours, Witness [redacted] was walking northbound Gerhart Avenue on the center raised median, north of [redacted] with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] and his [redacted] Witness [redacted]

Witness [redacted] saw a patrol vehicle on a traffic stop in the northbound lane of traffic. The male deputy ordered the driver out of the driver's side door. The driver exited the car and faced away from the deputy with his hands in the air. The driver walked backward toward the deputy who then shot the driver 4-5 times.

The driver fell to the street and the deputy requested backup units. The deputy did not do anything to help the driver until backup units arrived. When backup units arrived, they handcuffed the driver and started Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation.

Witness [redacted] concluded his statement by saying, "We just seen him…we just seen the cop pull out his gun, shoot him while he had his hands up, and he wasn't doing anything wrong at all."

WITNESS [redacted]

Homicide Interview

On July 9, 2019, at approximately 1421 hours, **Witness** [redacted] was interviewed by Homicide Detectives Sergeant Jaramilla and Quintero. The summarized interview can be found in **[EXHIBIT A, page 106]**. Homicide Bureau interview audio file also available.

[redacted] stated that on the night of the incident, he was walking home northbound Gerhart Avenue from [redacted] with his [redacted] Witness [redacted] and his [redacted] Witness [redacted] He saw a police vehicle's flashing lights in the distance to the north. Witness [redacted] then heard three to seven gunshots.

Witness [redacted] did not see any altercation or the shooting, but rather only heard the shots fired.

WITNESS [redacted]

On July 9, 2019, Homicide Bureau investigators Sergeants Jaramilla and Quintero interviewed **Witness** [redacted] **[EXHIBIT A, pages 105-106]** about the identity of an unidentified person seen in video who was a potential witness to the incident. Witness [redacted] was shown a video depicting the unidentified male and said he did not know who the male was. Witness [redacted] told homicide investigators his family, Witness [redacted] and Witness [redacted] did not want to be interviewed regarding the incident because they feared for their safety.